

ATTEMPT TO PURCHASE OR POSSESSION

- ☛ You will be fined \$150.00
- ☛ You may do hours of community service

CONSEQUENCES

- ☛ Loss of driver's license
- ☛ Cannot join military
- ☛ Cannot secure job in law enforcement
- ☛ Cannot secure job requiring driving
- ☛ Loss of self esteem
- ☛ Publicity in local community
- ☛ Extended high costs of auto insurance (if available at all)
- ☛ Fines
- ☛ Community service
- ☛ Possible imprisonment
- ☛ Driver's license reinstatement fee



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BAC

Blood Alcohol Concentration



AND YOUTH

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WHAT IS BAC?

When you drink an alcoholic beverage it is not digested like food.

- ☛ It goes into your bloodstream.
- ☛ The more you drink the more alcohol is in your blood.
- ☛ The alcohol in your blood is called Blood Alcohol Concentration (**B A C**)

EVERY "BODY" IS DIFFERENT

- ☛ Body weight.
- ☛ Amount of alcohol
- ☛ Drinking time
- ☛ Gender

HOW DOES BAC AFFECT BEHAVIOR?

When the alcohol in the bloodstream reaches the brain, it immediately begins to affect the way a person behaves. The effects are present with just one drink. The following BAC levels are based on a 140 pound person who has consumed the alcohol over a short period of time (1-2 hours).

1. JUDGMENT

1-2 drinks (.01 to .04 BAC)

Affected first are the outer layers of the cerebrum, (area #1 on the following picture) which contains the centers of association of the brain, e.g. judgment, reason and inhibitions.

3-4 drinks (.05 to .08 BAC)

The alcohol now reaches further into the cerebrum, (area #1 on the following picture). At this point higher motor and sensory areas are affected, causing a decrease in fine skills and a person's ability to respond and perform. People are likely to become noisy, more talkative and moody, but feel more alert and capable. Yet in truth, there has been a reduction in their reaction time, judgment, and ability to respond to emergencies.

2. MUSCLE CONTROL

5-7 drinks (.09 to .15 BAC)

Now the alcohol extends into the cerebellum, (area #2 on the following picture) the essential link in coordinating sensory impulses and motor activity. The drinkers' senses of hearing, speech, vision and balance are altered. Decreased sense of pain, staggered walk, and slurred speech may also be evident.

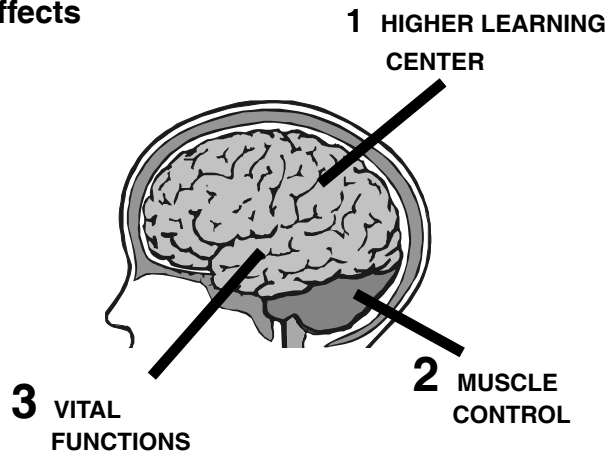
3. VITAL FUNCTION

8-12 drinks (.16 to .30 BAC)
The entire cerebellum, as well as portions of the medulla (area #3 on the following picture), which controls involuntary functions, may be affected. Reflexes are depressed, body temperature may go down and circulation is impaired. Unconsciousness may occur. Gross intoxication of all physical and mental faculties is evident.

More than 12 drinks (.30 and above)
By this time most people are not in a position to drink anymore. They are usually unconscious and will remain in a coma until the body has disposed of the enough alcohol so that the nerve centers controlling consciousness may begin to function again. It is important to note that persons in this condition are near the point of death and **may** die if left unattended.

MY ACHING BRAIN

Progression of Alcohol's Effects



BAC AND DRIVING

Alcohol can impair your driving in a number of ways:

- ☛ It reduces your ability to do more than one thing at a time.
- ☛ It makes it hard for you to concentrate.
- ☛ Affects your judgment, and reactions are impaired. It becomes harder for you to react to the conditions on the road.
- ☛ It can make you feel more confident which could lead to taking more risks. As your BAC increases the likelihood of being involved in a road crash also increases.

MINORS IN POSSESSION

Minors convicted of the offense of possession of an INTOXICATING SUBSTANCE shall be fined as follows:

UNDER 18

- 1st. OFFENSE**
- Fine not less than \$100 and not to exceed \$300
 - Perform 20 hours of community service.
 - Person and parent(s)/guardian complete and pay all costs of participation in community-based substance abuse information course approved by DPHHS, or court, or provided by Dept. of Corrections, or licensed hospital chemical dependency program.
 - Driver's license confiscated by court for 30 days.
- 2nd. OFFENSE**
- Fine not less than \$200 and not to exceed \$600
 - Perform 40 hours of community service.
 - Person and parent(s)/guardian complete and pay all costs of participation in community-based substance abuse information course approved by DPHHS, or court, or provided by Dept. of Corrections, or licensed hospital chemical dependency program.
 - Driver's license confiscated by court for 6 months.
 - Complete chemical dependency assessment/treatment if recommended.

- 3rd. OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE**
- Fine not less than \$300 and not to exceed \$900
 - Perform 60 hours of community service.
 - Person and parent(s)/guardian complete and pay all costs of participation in community-based substance abuse information course approved by DPHHS, or court, or provided by Dept. of Corrections, or licensed hospital chemical dependency program.
 - Driver's license confiscated by court for 6 months.
 - Complete chemical dependency assessment/treatment if recommended.

If convicted person fails to complete the community-based substance abuse course and has a driver's license, court shall order license suspended for 3 months for 1st offense, 9 months for 2nd offense and 12 months for 3rd or subsequent offense.

18 OR OLDER, BUT UNDER 21

- 1st. OFFENSE**
- Fine not to exceed \$200
 - May be ordered to perform community service.
- 2nd. OFFENSE**
- Fine not to exceed \$200
 - May be ordered to perform community service.
- 3rd. OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE**
- Fine not to exceed \$500
 - May be ordered to perform community service.
 - Shall be ordered to complete an alcohol information course approved by DPHHS, may include alcohol or drug treatment.
 - In the discretion of the court, shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed 6 months.

A person under 21 years of age commits the offense of attempt to purchase an intoxicating substance if the person knowingly attempts to purchase an alcoholic beverage. A person convicted of attempt to purchase an intoxicating substance shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$150 if the person was under 21 years of age at the time the offense was committed and may be ordered to perform community service.



IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON UNDER 21 WHO HAS AN ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION OF 0.02% OR MORE TO DRIVE IN MONTANA!

BAC and ACCIDENTS

